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## **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION HONORS 2009 MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR**

Maria Cornay, President of GranCor Enterprises, Inc., has been named the 2009 Minority Small Business Person of the Year by the New Mexico District of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

GranCor was incorporated in December 2004, as a small disadvantaged, minority, women-owned business. By 2007, the company was certified as a participant in the nine-year SBA 8(a) program.

District Director, John Woosley congratulates Maria Cornay for her outstanding contributions, services and accomplishments in the Environmental Remediation and Construction industries. Woosley states, "Ms. Cornay's management, entrepreneurial and technical skills have contributed greatly to the success of GranCor Enterprises and its ability to provide service to federal agencies and other customers."

In its first year of business GranCor grossed over \$3 million. Sales have increased dramatically each year and substantial increases are projected over the next five years. The Albuquerque-based firm specializes in health and environmental remediation and construction services and provides service in New Mexico, Nevada, Texas and Arizona. "Perfecting Your Environment," is the company's mantra. Major services include:

- Remediating environmental hazards;
- Structure demolition
- New building construction.

Principal employees have extensive work experience in the construction industry. Safety is the company's number one concern and is good standing with the Occupational Safety & Health Administration.

The company is insured and has a bonding credit line of \$5 million for a single contract and \$20 million in aggregate. Clients have included the National Nuclear Security Administration; U.S. Department of Energy; U.S. Postal Service; U.S. Air Force, military bases, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Indian reservations; various levels of government, industrial complexes; educational institutions; hospital businesses and residential customers.

Ms. Cornay received the award at the 2009 Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards Celebration at the Hotel Albuquerque on September 30, 2009.

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